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JUDGES NAME ASSESSORS.**Will Value Real Estate for Taxation in 1910.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 20.—Judge John T. Goolrick, of the Corporation Court of this city, today appointed the following assessors to assess the real estate of the city as a basis for taxation for the five years following 1910: Colonel E. D. Cole, A. M. Garner, Alvin T. Rowe. The following assessors have been named by Judge D. A. Grimley for Orange county: E. F. Sommers, V. C. Brookings, assistant; John D. Hamilton, W. E. Jones, assistant. For Culpeper county: E. H. Willis for the eastern district, and W. A. Tallaferra for the western.

NEW RAILROAD LINE.

Road May Be Built From New Church to Franklin City or Stockton.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW CHURCH, VA., December 20.—It is reported that the officials of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Company are seriously considering a plan by which they can avoid double-tracking their road from New Church to Delmar, and at the same time connect with the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad, by running a line from New Church to Franklin City or Stockton, obtain all the advantages that a double-track would give them, and also give that section better freight and passenger traffic. It is only about ten miles from New Church to Franklin City, and less than that from New Church to Stockton in a direct line.

Train Kills a Bear.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 20.—A late train yesterday on the James River branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio, a short distance above Lynchburg, ran over and killed a 300-pound bear.

**METHODIST UNION
MEETS IN ETTTRICK**

Sunday School Association in
Regular Monthly
Session.

DEATH OF HONORED CITIZEN

Three Attempts Made to Rob
Salvation Army
Home.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,
108 North Sycamore Street,
Petersburg, Va., December 20.
The Methodist Union Sunday School Association, of this city and vicinity, held its monthly meeting Sunday afternoon in the church in Ettrick, with an interesting program of exercises. The address was delivered by the Rev. E. H. Rawlings, D. D., conference missionary secretary. Reports were made from all the schools of the association, showing an aggregate register for the month of 2,111, with an average attendance of 1,663, and per cent of attendance 78. Amount of money collected in the schools, \$134.76.

Death of an Honored Citizen.
Francis T. Strallman, one of Petersburg's most highly-esteemed citizens, died Sunday evening at the home of his son, F. O. Strallman, on Franklin Street, after a very brief illness. He contracted a severe cold several days ago, which developed into pleurisy. Several weeks ago, while visiting her daughter in Norfolk, Mr. Strallman's wife was taken ill and died. Mr. Strallman was about seventy-two years old and was a native of Frederick, Md. He came to Petersburg when a young man, and here followed his trade of practical printer, at which he was an expert. For a great many years he was the foreman in the office of the Index-Appal, where his experienced and ever-careful services were highly valued. Mr. Strallman served throughout the War of 1861-65 in Company A, Ninth Virginia Regiment, Armistead's Brigade, Pickett's Division, and made a splendid record as a soldier. Of this record his surviving comrades speak in praise, and A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans, of this city, of which he was a member, will pay appropriate tribute to his memory. Mr. Strallman was a man of great purity and integrity of character, a consistent Christian and of a disposition always kind and genial. He is survived by six children—three sons and three daughters: F. O. Strallman, of Petersburg; W. A. Strallman and Mrs. George Maddera, of Newport News; Mrs. D. C. Dean and Mrs. Robert Turner, of Norfolk, and Edward Strallman, of Richmond. The funeral will be from Washington Street M. E. Church to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Other Deaths.
Miss Annie O'Connor, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor, died yesterday at the home of her parents, on Washington Street, of pneumonia, after an illness of but a few days. She was in the nineteenth year of her age, was a recent graduate of St. Joseph's School in this city, was a young woman of charming personality and popular among a large circle of friends.

John C. Edwards, about sixty years old, and for many years an engineer on the Norfolk and Western Railway, died this morning about 10 o'clock of paralysis, at his home in Blandford. On account of infirm health he had been off duty for a year or more. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons.

Frank Chase, aged eighty-three years, one of the oldest citizens of Prince George, died suddenly at his home in that county Saturday evening of heart failure. He is survived by one daughter and three sons.

Mrs. Alice J. Dunn, widow of W. W. Dunn, died this morning about 11 o'clock at the Hill Crest Settlement in this city, where she had been under treatment. She leaves two children.

Mrs. Rebecca J. Patrick, widow of William H. Patrick, died yesterday at her home on Rome Street, and the funeral took place this afternoon.

Interesting Meetings.
Special meetings in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary Movement

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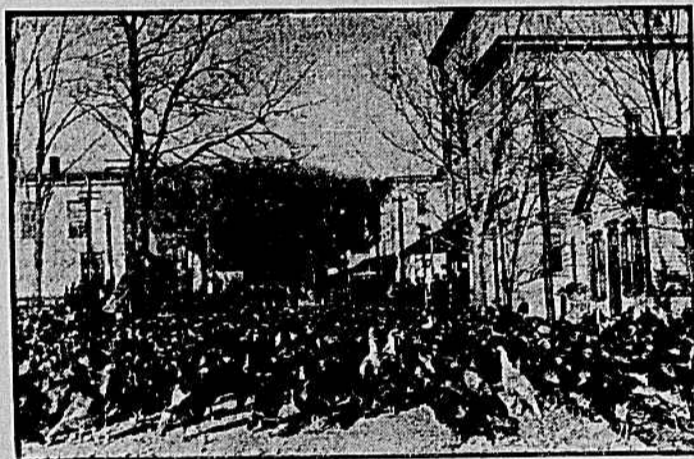
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1365 Turkeys Leaving for Market

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
MONTEREY, VA., December 18.—The largest drove of turkeys ever started to market from Highland went down Main Street Monday last, closely followed and observed by an interested, various crowd of townspeople. The large drove of valuable birds was bought by the Highland

mercantile company and sold to a representative of the Swift meat people. There were 1,365 in the drove, and they represented a money value of something like \$4,000.

The effort to drive them through to Harrisonburg proved a failure, the company deciding to butcher them at Doe Hill, nine miles east of here, which distance was made in two days.

The thieves were evidently after the money which the army has been collecting to provide Christmas good things for the poor, but they were heard and frightened off.

The burning of the chimney of a house on Lombard Street early this morning called out the fire department. No damage was done.

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News in General.
Three attempts to rob the Salvation Army residence, on High Street, were made during the late hours of last

night. The thieves were evidently after the money which the army has been collecting to provide Christmas good things for the poor, but they were heard and frightened off.

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**WORK OF MISSIONS
INTEREST LAYMEN**

Interdenominational Mass Meeting
Held in Raleigh
on Sunday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., December 20.—An interdenominational meeting of laymen of Raleigh held Sunday afternoon in the First Presbyterian Church, set on foot efforts that will assure the largest possible attendance of Raleigh men on the great state laymen's conference to be held in January at Greensboro. There were addresses on the movement and its significance by A. C. Hines, Greensboro; N. L. Eure, Greensboro, and Colonel E. C. Massey, Richmond. Following the addresses a resolution, offered by Hon. J. R. Young, was adopted, endorsing the co-operative feature of the Laymen's Movement, providing a co-operative city committee representing the various churches, calling on city pastors to appoint one or more lay members for the city committee, who shall work for a representation of at least 100 at the Greensboro meeting. There was also recommendation that each of the churches in this city and section appoint a permanent missionary committee, whose first duty shall be to secure the fullest possible attendance of proper delegates for the North Carolina convention at Greensboro. The resolution also expressed appreciation for the spirit and efforts of the Greensboro laymen, and pledged sympathy and support.

A charter is issued for the C. R. Goulen Electric Company, Charlotte, capital \$25,000, for general electrical contracting business, by C. E. Goulen, J. R. Winchester and T. A. Adams.

Governor Kitchin has about recovered from a painful but not serious injury that he sustained Sunday morning in a fall down the front steps of the mansion. His injuries made it necessary for him to send his excuse, instead of presiding over the big laymen's meeting held in the Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, as he was expected to do.

After serving nearly six years of an eight-years' sentence in the penitentiary for causing the death of a close friend with whom he quarreled while both were incarcerated, R. A. Robinson, from Forsyth county, received a pardon from Governor Kitchin to-day, conditioned on sobriety and good behavior. The pardon was asked for by a large number of citizens familiar with the circumstances. A commutation was also granted to-day for Charlie Miller, serving a sentence of eight months in Buncombe county for selling whiskey in Asheville. The sentence is changed to thirty days in jail and \$200 fine.

WITH THE REVOLUTIONISTS.

Virginia Appointed Surgeon-Major, and Has Charge of Hospital.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 20.—Dr. Lawrence Flanagan, formerly of this city, and quite well known here, where he graduated from the University of Virginia, has been appointed surgeon-major (surgeon-major of the revolution) in Bluefields, Nicaragua. He has full charge also of the Hospital de Sangre (Hospital of Blood).

An interesting letter from a Charlottesvillean, now in Central America, says in part:
"To-day is Thanksgiving Day, not only for the Americans but for the revolutionists also, since a ship from New Orleans brought guns and ammunition about 9 o'clock. The band is playing now because the arms came and the bells are ringing. I heard the band coming up the street, Reyes Avenue, and looked out and saw 500 soldiers marching and singing a new riddle, and they looked so happy. There were Spaniards, Jamaicans, New Orleans negroes, Germans and Americans—all against Zelaya."

"Zelaya is such a brutal monster. Besides killing, burning and imprisoning his subjects, he sends prominent men away on commissions in order that he can subject their wives to indignities. An old Spaniard he dislikes he had, while the every morning, his back was so raw and bleeding that the guards refused to whip him again. "Spanish women who know Zelaya personally have told me that Zelaya was making money from his coffee or cane plantation in the interior Zelaya would seize the property and exile the man. Is it any wonder that the whole country is against him? His first cousin is a prominent general on the revolutionists' staff."

UNIVERSITY AERO CLUB.

Aeroplane in Course of Construction to Be Sailed in March.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 20.—President J. H. McConnell, of the Aero Club at the University of Virginia, expects to affiliate the local club with the American Aero Club. He will endeavor to bring about this union during the holidays.

Great interest is being shown in the Aero Club and its activities. Several members of the faculty have recently become members. During January several lectures will be given before the club on the science of aeronautics. The club has an aeroplane now in course of construction, which is to be sailed some time during March. The motor used is a Curtiss model.

HICKS RESIDENCE BURNED.

Live Wire Cause of Destructive Fire in Wytheville.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WYTHEVILLE, VA., December 20.—The residence of C. M. Hicks, on Main Street, near Fourth Avenue, was burned last night. The fire caught in one of the upper rooms. It is thought, from an electric live wire. When discovered, the flames had made such headway that it was impossible to extinguish them, but by great effort the adjacent buildings were saved with but little damage. The Lutheran Church was injured slightly by the excessive heat.

Mr. Hicks carried insurance on house and furniture for \$6,000. Some of the furniture was saved.

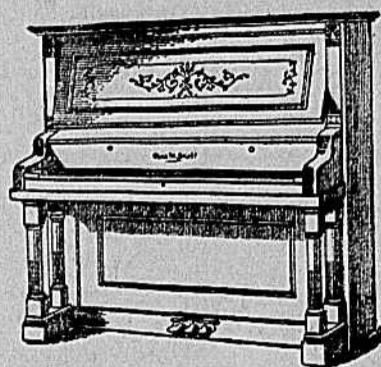
RALEIGH TO NORFOLK.

Completion of Long Trestle Means Beginning of Through Trains.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., December 20.—The Corporation Commission has been notified by Superintendent Lamb, of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, that the last pile has been driven for the big two-mile trestle across Albemarle Sound, making the short rail link of the main line between Washington and Edenton. He adds that it is expected to have the trains running regularly over the trestle by January 1, giving through trains without change of cars between Raleigh and Norfolk.

Virginia Gets Appointment.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20.—Mr. Marshall Long, of the Virginia, was appointed secretary to the embassy at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to-day.

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Xmas

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One Hallett & Davis Parlor Grand, in perfect condition	\$198
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Desk Portfolios	\$1.50 to \$ 7.50
Jewelry Cases	75c to \$17.50
Desk Pads	75c to \$ 5.00
Stationery Novelties	50c to \$ 5.00
Waste Baskets	50c to \$ 3.50
Brass Novelties	25c to \$ 5.00
Address Books	25c to \$ 2.50
Art Novelties	10c to \$ 2.50
Crane's Box Paper	50c to \$10.00
Waterman's Fountain Pens	\$2.50 to \$35.00
Gents' Bill Rolls	50c to \$ 7.50
Christmas Cards	5c to \$ 1.00
Framed Mission Pictures	10c to \$ 3.50

Ladies' Card Cases	50c to \$ 5.00
Pocket Flasks	\$1.25 to \$ 8.50
Bridge Sets	\$2.50 to \$ 7.50
Brass Book Racks	\$1.75 to \$10.00
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